FACT SHEET | Investing in Infrastructure, Creating 39,900 Jobs

2016 Budget for a Better Minnesota

Governor Dayton and Lt. Governor Smith's Jobs Bill would invest \$1.4 billion in infrastructure projects statewide, creating an estimated 39,900 Minnesota jobs. This new Jobs Bill would help addresses many of the state's critical infrastructure needs, including essential water infrastructure, while strengthening Minnesota's economy and putting thousands of people to work.

The Governor and Lt. Governor's Jobs Bill includes critical infrastructure projects distributed all across Minnesota. The bill balances the needs of the state, with 35 percent of projects in Greater Minnesota, 35 percent in the Twin Cities Area, and 30 percent having impacts statewide. And the Jobs Bill is designed to make state resources go further, by leveraging more than \$600 million in private, local, and federal dollars.

Investing in Main Street Minnesota

- Lewis & Clark Regional Water System Governor Dayton and Lt. Governor Smith's Jobs Bill would invest \$11.5 million in the Lewis & Clark Regional Water System to deliver water to the City of Worthington to meet the growing needs of businesses and residents. This funding would complete the project and deliver water to more than 20,000 Minnesotans.
- **Duluth Energy Efficiency Upgrades** To increase energy efficiency and reduce utility expenses, the Governor and Lt. Governor's Jobs Bill includes \$21 million to convert Duluth's steam energy system to a hot water system.
- **Red Wing River Town Renaissance** Governor Dayton and Lt. Governor Smith's Jobs Bill would invest \$4 million to improve access between the dock and downtown Red Wing and renovate that city's performing arts center.
- International Falls-Koochiching County Airport The Governor and Lt. Governor's Jobs Bill would provide \$3 million for construction on an airline terminal at the International Falls-Koochiching County Airport.

Clean, Affordable Drinking Water

- Water Infrastructure Governor Dayton and Lt. Governor Smith's Jobs Bill would provide \$167 million to the fund water infrastructure to help communities rehabilitate wastewater and drinking water infrastructure systems, expand capacity, and meet water quality requirements.
- Buffer Reimbursements The Governor and Lt. Governor's Jobs Bill would invest \$30 million in the Reinvest in Minnesota Reserve program, which compensates private landowners for granting permanent conservation easements and establishing wetlands or riparian areas on their lands. The funds will help Minnesotans implement the new buffer strip law passed last session.

Critical Investments in Minnesota Students

- Maintaining World-Class Learning Facilities To ensure that Minnesotans have access to high-quality education facilities, the Governor and Lt. Governor's Jobs Bill would invest \$135 million in asset preservation and replacement at Minnesota State Colleges and Universities, and at University of Minnesota campuses statewide.
- Training for Jobs of Tomorrow Governor Dayton and Lt. Governor Smith's Jobs Bill would invest \$5.7 million for upgrades to laboratories and other facilities for STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) and healthcare education at South Central College in North Mankato and \$27.2 million build a new science and engineering laboratory building at the University of Minnesota Duluth.

• **Health Education and Research** – To strengthen the University of Minnesota Medical School and Health Sciences, the Governor and Lt. Governor's Jobs Bill would invest \$66.7 million in a health science education facility at the school.

Rail and Pipeline Safety

- **Highway Rail Separations** Governor Dayton and Lt. Governor Smith's Jobs Bill includes \$69.6 million for highway rail grade separations in Moorhead, Prairie Island and Coon Rapids.
- Quiet Zones Grants To help improve safety and allow trains to run quietly, the Governor and Lt. Governor's Jobs Bill would invest \$10 million in a quiet zone competitive grant program for local communities.
- Rail and Pipeline Safety Training Governor Dayton and Lt. Governor Smith's Jobs Bill would allocate \$3.5 million for the construction of an oil train derailment and pipeline safety training venue at the Camp Ripley Joint Emergency Response Training Center.
- Minneapolis Emergency Training Facility The Governor and Lt. Governor's Jobs Bill would allocate \$2.5 million for the expansion of Minneapolis's Emergency Operations Training Facility to provide repetitive training for first responders in rail, gas, and electrical emergencies.
- New State Emergency Operations Center Governor Dayton and Lt. Governor Smith's Jobs Bill would invest \$33.3 million to construct a new State Emergency Operations Center, to help coordinate during disasters and emergencies and serve as a training center for emergency operations.

Fish & Wildlife

- Lake Mille Lacs Walleye Population To address the declining walleye population of Lake Mille Lacs, Governor Dayton and Lt. Governor Smith's Jobs Bill would invest \$3.5 million to develop a fisheries management station on the lake, including a Department of Natural Resources' office, laboratory, and hatchery infrastructure.
- **Supporting Minnesota's Pheasant Population** As recommended at the Pheasant Summit convened by Governor Dayton in 2014, the Governor and Lt. Governor's Jobs Bill would provide \$9.5 million to acquire, develop, and improve lands for wildlife and aquatic management areas.
- Statewide Fish Population Support Governor Dayton and Lt. Governor Smith's Jobs Bill would provide \$1 million to improve fish hatcheries statewide to control invasive species, enhance production capacities, and upgrade water systems.

The Jobs Bill - By the Numbers

39,900 new jobs	Estimated 39,900 new jobs created
30 percent	Portion of the jobs bill invested in statewide programs or projects
35 percent	Portion of the jobs bill invested in Greater Minnesota projects
35 percent	Portion of the jobs bill invested in Twin Cities area projects